

The amendments to claims 11-12 and new claims 20-21 do not introduce new matter, as they are supported by the originally filed specification and claims. For example, an identifier indicating a type and quantity of the solution ingredients is described on page 2, lines 21-23 of the specification. The identifier being arranged to indicate a position of the connector to determine incomplete connection to the dialysis machine is described on page 3, lines 20-24 and page 7, lines 1-6 of the specification.

The Examiner objected to the disclosure, because page 8 of the specification is blank. Applicants have corrected the specification accordingly.

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 96/25214, and claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO '214. The Examiner rejected claim 10 as being anticipated, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), by U.S. Patent No. 5,540,265 to Polaschegg et al.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections. Applicants canceled claim 10, and added new claim 20 reciting a connector disposed adjacent an outlet of the storage container and comprising an identifier indicating a type and quantity of the solution ingredients. The identifier also is arranged to indicate a position of the connector to determine incomplete connection to the dialysis machine. These elements recited in claim 20 are not described in WO '214 nor in Polaschegg et al. Accordingly, claim 20 is not anticipated by the cited references, and is allowable. Claims 11, 12 and 21 depend from claim 20, and at least for that reason are also allowable.

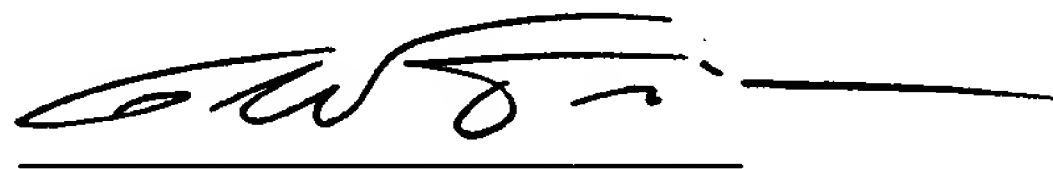
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places the application in clear condition for allowance, and prompt notification thereof is requested. If for any reason the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would advance prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below. The Office is authorized to charge any fees associated with this Amendment, including those under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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